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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER ORDER NUMBER 12-03

Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2(a), the following restrictions are in effect throughout the area known as ***Zone 1*** (also referred to as the *Lower-Elevation Zone*) within the Colorado counties of Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, and Montezuma.

Zone 1 encompasses all public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office (including Canyons of the Ancients National Monument) except those Tres Rios Field Office lands within San Juan County. These restrictions are being implemented due to high fire hazard conditions within the zone.

Under Title 43 CFR Section 9212.1, Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited to perform any act restricted by this Fire Prevention Order on the above described public lands.

Prohibited Actions:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire, coal or wood-burning stove, charcoal-fueled broiler, or open fire of any type, except in a permanent constructed fire pit or grate within a developed campground or recreation site.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or developed recreation site or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Using any explosive or incendiary device (such as fireworks or blasting caps) that could result in the ignition of flammable material.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
- Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a properly installed and maintained spark-arresting device in effective working order that meets appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices (J335(b) and J350(a)).

Permitted Actions:

- Building, maintaining, and attending a fire in a permanent constructed fire pit or grate within a developed campground or recreation site.
- Operating a stove, lantern, or other heating device fueled by liquid petroleum or bottled fuel equipped with a valve that allows the operator to turn the flame on and off.
- Smoking within an enclosed vehicle or building or a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- Operating or using an internal or external combustion engine with a properly installed and maintained spark-arresting device in effective working order that meets appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices (J335(b) and J350(a)).

Exemptions:

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR Section 9212.2, the following persons are exempt from this order:

- Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Persons with a BLM-issued permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act.

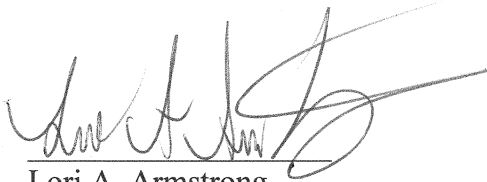
An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

Penalties:

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR § 9212.4, any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations at § 9212.1 of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than twelve months, or both. Restitution for total suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator.

This order shall go into effect beginning at 9:00 a.m. on June 9, 2012 and will remain in force until rescinded or on December 31, 2012, whichever event occurs first.

Prepared in Montrose, Colorado on this 6th day of June 2012.



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